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RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT FORMER DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION FACILITY SAN GERMAN, PUERTO RICO DIGITAL PROJECT NO. 052-03018

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Dear Sr. Cabrera:

Digital Equipment Corporation is pleased to submit the enclosed Remedial Systems Design Report (Design Report) and RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Summary Report for our former facility in San German, Puerto Rico. This Design Report is submitted in accordance with the Interim Measures Proposal¹ submitted to the EQB on December 20, 1994 and includes the engineering design for construction and operation of both the soil vapor extraction system and the groundwater containment and treatment systems at the site. The RFI Summary Report presents a summary of site conditions based on the previous investigations conducted at the site.

In order to proceed with the project in an expeditious manner and in keeping with the project schedule presented in the Overall Project Plan (OPP)², the Design Report will be the only engineering design submittal for this project. Future permitting, construction, and operation of the remedial measures will proceed in general accordance with the OPP schedule. We intend to startup the remedial systems by the end of September 1995.

As stated in my July 26, 1995 correspondence, we would like to meet with you and Sr. Concepcion on August 17, 1995 at 10:00 am to discuss our proposed remedial system designs.

GZA, December 20, 1995, Interim Measures Proposal, Soil and Groundwater Remediation, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico, Digital Project No. 0522-03018.

¹GZA, November 11, 1994, <u>Overall Project Plan, Voluntary Interim Measure</u>, Former Digital Equipment <u>Corporation Facility</u>, San German, Puerto Rico;

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This meeting would also serve as a quarterly project status meeting in accordance with the schedule proposed in the OPP. Please contact me at tel. (508)493-8746 or my assistant Ms. Judy Sherman at tel. (508)493-8270 to confirm this date.

Please feel free to call me should you have any questions. I thank you for your continued interest in our project and I look forward to working with you to complete this work.

Yours truly,

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Dear John:

GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) is pleased to provide you with the enclosed RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Summary Report. As we discussed, this report presents a summary of "topics" recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be included in an RFI work plan. It is not intended to be a formal RFI report; rather, as stated in Section 1.00 of the report, we suggest that this report, together with certain past reports prepared for the site in aggregate, should be considered equivalent to an RFI.

W hope that this work product is consistent with your expectations and needs; however, please do not hesitate to contact either of the undersigned if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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RFI Summary Report

¹EPA, May 1989, Interim Final, RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Guidance, Vol. I of IV, Development of an RFI Work Plan and General Considerations for RCRA Facility Investigations.

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This report presents a summary of site conditions at the former Digital Equipment Corporation (Digital) facility in San German Puerto Rico (site). This document, in conjunction with certain other reports previously prepared for the site, are intended to satisfy the requirements of a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI).

The site consists of about 18 acres of land owned by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation (PRIDCO) on which there are three industrial buildings totaling about 200,000 square feet. The site was previously occupied by Digital and operated as a printed wire board (PWB) manufacturing facility. In 1992, site operations were transferred to the Circo Caribe Corporation (Circo), which has continued PWB manufacturing processes at the site. On-site process water is obtained from pumping several on-site water supply wells installed in bedrock.

The site is located approximately 1,200 feet west of the Guanajibo River. The site and vicinity have been filled and graded during site development in 1968. The general stratigraphy of subsurface materials at the site consists of silt and clay fill overlying silty clay topsoil, overlying saprolite (soil derived from in-place weathering of bedrock), overlying fractured basalt bedrock.

Under non-pumping conditions, groundwater is expected to flow northwest toward the Guanajibo River. The results of pump-tests of an on-site production well demonstrate a consistent hydraulic response in bedrock and saprolite, indicating a significant degree of interconnection of the bedrock and overburden. Groundwater flow conditions are affected by on-site groundwater withdrawals. Current groundwater withdrawals are estimated to be over seven times the estimated groundwater recharge for the area contributing to groundwater flow through the site.

¹The past reports for this site include:

GZA, December 20, 1994, Interim Measures Proposal, Soil and Groundwater Remediation, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico, Digital Project No. 05203018;

[•] GZA, November 11, 1994, Overall Project Plan, Voluntary Interim Measure, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico;

[•] GZA, December 20, 1993, Report of Findings, Phase II, Hydrogeologic Evaluation, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico; and

GZA, October 22, 1992, Hydrogeologic Evaluation, Digital Equipment Corporation, San German Operation, San German, Puerto Rico.

While localized petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in the vicinity of a former diesel underground storage tank (UST), the most significant subsurface contamination issue at the site is the presence of chlorinated ethenes. These compounds were detected in the groundwater on a site-wide level. Chlorinated ethenes were also detected in the vadose zone soils at a loading dock between buildings 1 and 5 indicating that the loading dock is a source area.

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Sampling and analysis of surface water and sediment from the Guanajibo River did not detect any contaminants attributable to the site. Published information which indicates that water quality in the river has historically been poor due to sewage discharges.

Based on the groundwater elevation and hydrologic data, the current practice of groundwater extraction from wells W-1, W-6, and W-7 for process water use appears to contain the contaminants on-site. This conclusion is further supported by the volume of water extracted which is over seven times the recharge for the portion of the drainage berm expected to contribute to groundwater flow through the site. Given on-site containment, there are effectively no complete migration pathways which would result in impact to off-site receptors. Therefore, impacts to the river should not be occurring, as supported by both sediment and surface water data. On-site exposures due to dermal contact, incidental ingestion and inhalation of on-site contaminants contained in soil, If the groundwater extraction is groundwater, and process water appear limited. terminated in the future due to facility shutdown, it is expected that site groundwater will flow to the river, but with no significant impact. In addition, the two unregistered private wells which may exist at the El Convento Housing District 300 feet to the south of the site (based on an unsubstantiated verbal report), appear to be cross-gradient under nonpumping conditions. While a high degree of pumpage from these private wells, with the facility process works shut down, potentially could result in some contaminant impact, such pumping would be illegal. Not withstanding the above, more formal institutional controls may warrant consideration if the facility was shut down.

GZA believes that the past studies conducted at the site are consistent with requirements of the RCRA CA process. We suggest that this report as well as certain past reports, in aggregate, be considered at the equivalent of an RFI. In accordance with the Overall Project Plan and the Interim Measures Proposal (IMP), previously submitted to the EQB, Digital is proceeding to remedy soil and groundwater contamination by chlorinated ethenes as a voluntary Interim Measure following the requirements of the RCRA Corrective Action process. As presented in the IMP, the objectives of the proposed remedy are to:

- Treat and contain volatile organic compound-(VOC)containing groundwater; and
- Remediate VOC-containing vadose zone soils in the Loading Dock area, the only confirmed source at the site to reduce introduction of VOCs to the groundwater.

1.00 INTRODUCTION



This report presents a summary of site conditions at the former Digital Equipment Corporation (Digital) facility in San German Puerto Rico (site). A site locus plan is provided as Figure 1. This report was prepared by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) to summarize relevant site conditions to assist the Environmental Quality Board of Puerto Rico (EQB) in its review of on-going investigation and remediation work of the site being completed following the format of the National Corrective Action Strategy under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).² This report was prepared based on the information presented in several previous reports for the site, including:

- GZA, December 20, 1994, <u>Interim Measures Proposal</u>, <u>Soil and Groundwater Remediation</u>, <u>Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility</u>, <u>San German</u>, <u>Puerto Rico</u>, <u>Digital Project No. 05203018</u> (herein referred to as the IMP);
- GZA, November 11, 1994, Overall Project Plan, Voluntary Interim Measure, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico (herein referred to as the OPP);
- GZA, December 20, 1993, <u>Report of Findings</u>, <u>Phase II</u>, <u>Hydrogeologic Evaluation</u>, <u>Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility</u>, <u>San German</u>, <u>Puerto Rico</u> (herein referred to as the Phase II report); and
- GZA, October 22, 1992, <u>Hydrogeologic Evaluation</u>, <u>Digital Equipment Corporation</u>, <u>San German Operation</u>, <u>San German</u>, <u>Puerto Rico</u> (herein referred to as the Phase I report).

Each of the above referenced reports has been previously submitted to the EQB. The information presented below is intended to summarize and consolidate our overall understanding of general conditions pertaining to soil and groundwater contamination at the site. This report and the above referenced reports, in aggregate, are intended to satisfy the general requirements of a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) for the San German site. Please refer to the above referenced reports for more specific information concerning site conditions and field and laboratory methodologies. Please note that this report is subject to the limitations presented in Appendix B.

²Herein referred to as RCRA Corrective Action or RCRA CA.

2.00 FACILITY BACKGROUND



The site consists of about 18 acres of land on which there are three industrial buildings totaling about 200,000 square feet. Site features are shown on the site plan provided as Figure 2. As stated in the OPP, the site was utilized by Digital from July 1968 into 1992 for single- and multi-layer printed wire board (PWB) manufacturing and module assembly. In 1992 the site buildings and operations were transferred to the Circo Caribe Corporation (Circo) who has continued the PWB manufacturing processes at the site. The site real estate is owned by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation (PRIDCO).

The PWB manufacturing operations employ the use of acids, alkalines, metal-bearing plating solutions, and oxidizing/reducing chemicals. During the period between 1976 and 1978, trichloroethene (TCE) was used in the wave solder process as a degreaser. After 1978, an aqueous/detergent solution replaced TCE.

2.10 ON-SITE GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS

Circo is currently operating under a Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources (PRDNR) Water Franchise Permit for groundwater withdrawal from on-site bedrock production wells of up to 49,920,000 gallons per year, or 192,000 gpd for a five-day work week. Bedrock wells W-1, W-3, W-6, and W-7 are routinely used to provide this industrial process water supply. The drawdown from these wells has been projected to extend across the site in both overburden and saprolite.

2,20 REGULATORY AND INVESTIGATIVE HISTORY

In October 1990, the EQB issued a RCRA Facility Assessment Report³ (RFA) identifying eight on-site RCRA Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and one on-site Area of Concern (AOC). Each of the EQB identified SWMUs and AOC are shown on Figure 2. The scope of RFA work was reported to include "a preliminary review" of EQB's files and visual-site inspections. A "preliminary visit" was conducted on August 2, 1989 with a "visual site inspection" on February 20, 1990. The RFA included a summary of background information, a detailed assessment of each identified SWMU and AOC, and provided a summary of conclusions and direction regarding future actions.

In July 1992, a first phase of facility investigation was initiated at the site (Phase I report). Consistent with the intent of a RCRA Facility Investigation, the stated purpose of this investigation was to "assess whether manufacturing operations" at the site "have impacted soil or groundwater quality" and to "provide a preliminary assessment of the horizontal

³Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, October 1990, <u>RCRA Facility Assessment Report, Digital Equipment Corporation, San Germán, Puerto Rico, PRD991291857</u>, Adia T. Fuentes Rivera, EQB Land Pollution Control Area, Hazardous Waste Division.

and vertical extent of subsurface contamination encountered." The investigation included a review of available regulatory files and operations records; the performance of a soil gas survey; drilling of soil borings and installation of monitoring wells; and finally sampling and laboratory testing of soils and groundwater for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), metals⁴, petroleum hydrocarbons, and cyanide.



GZA concluded that "the most significant subsurface contamination issue is the presence of chlorinated VOCs." Petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in groundwater and soil at the location of a former diesel fuel UST. The limited presence of metals including barium, nickel, and selenium in groundwater was attributed to naturally occurring conditions (barium and selenium) or the vicinity of a historical incidental process water release (nickel). The observed presence of metals was not considered significant in that either the metals were naturally occurring (barium and selenium) and/or were localized (at a central portion of the site) and at low concentrations (nickel). Recommendations were provided regarding additional explorations and testing "to develop the data necessary to design an appropriate remediation program" for chlorinated VOCs which would likely include: "mitigation of contaminant source areas" and "limiting off-site migration of contaminants by hydraulic isolation."

A copy of the Phase I report was transmitted to EQB in early November 1992. A "work plan" outlining the proposed next phase of work was provided on November 30, 1992. The work plan proposed a second phase of facility investigations, and corrective measures feasibility studies to assess applicable remedial options and technologies. As stated in the plan, the objectives were directed toward "better defining conditions observed in the" Phase I facility investigation, and "developing data required for remediation of groundwater and soil contamination." The seven specific information objectives identified in the Plan were focused on characterization of hydrogeologic and environmental quality conditions on a site-wide basis, and the primary contaminants of concern (chlorinated ethenes).

Initiation of field work for the second phase of facility investigation and corrective measures study was deferred until after January 1993 so that EQB would have time to review and comment on the proposed work plan. The field work began on February 1, 1993 and was completed in April 1993. The report summarizing our findings and recommendations resulting from the additional facility investigation work, and studies into the feasibility of corrective measures, was transmitted to the EQB on August 12, 1993 (Phase II Report). The report was accompanied by a separate letter report⁵, providing a

⁴Metals included RCRA metals (arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, selenium, and silver) plus nickel.

⁵GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., August 9, 1993, <u>Supplemental Report, Findings of Phase II</u> <u>Hydrogeologic Evaluation, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San Germán, Puerto Rico</u>.

summary of the findings as related to the EQB October 1990 RFA. This letter report was prepared in response to a June 3, 1993 letter from EQB.⁶

The Phase II report included an assessment of contaminant sources, distribution, and transport; and an assessment of possible routes of human exposure. The corrective measures studies included a review of potential applicable remedial technologies for groundwater containment, and loading dock source area mitigation. Consistent with proposed RCRA CA Rules⁷, potentially applicable technologies and remedies were identified and screened against factors such as protection of public health; long term reliability; reduction of toxicity, mobility and volume; short term effectiveness; and implementability.

As of this writing, Digital has not received EQB questions or comments on the Phase II report. In mid-July 1994, representatives of Digital met with all of the parties to discuss the on-going project. During meetings with the EQB, it was established that the remedial project would be undertaken consistent with the RCRA CA process with EQB review. On November 11, 1994, the Overall Project Plan (OPP) for this remedial project was submitted to the EQB. A proposal to perform a soil and groundwater remediation as a voluntary Interim Measure (IMP) was submitted to the EQB on December 20, 1994.

In February 1995, the EQB revised the RFA.⁸ The revised RFA indicated that no further action required for six of the eight original SWMUs and the recommended actions at the remaining two original SWMU's were completed by the submittal of a RCRA Closure Report in February, 1995.⁹

The EQB also added the loading dock between Buildings 1 and 5 as SWMU-9 in the revised RFA. In a letter dated April 25, 1995, Digital suggested that based on EPA's definition of a SWMU, it may be more appropriate to consider the loading dock to be an Area of Concern (AOC). However, this distinction is a matter of procedure only, since regardless of the description of the loading dock as a SWMU or an AOC, Digital's approach remains to address the loading dock as part of a site-wide Corrective

⁶June 3, 1993, Letter from Sr. Roberto Berberena, J.R., Director, EQB Land Pollution Control Area, to Angel Serrano, Digital Equipment Corp., San Germán, Puerto Rico.

⁷U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1990, <u>Proposed Rule for Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) at Hazardous Waste Management Facilities</u>, pg 62 through 65 VI, Subpart F₂(2) General Standards for Remedies, and Subpart F (3) Remedy Selection Decision Factors.

⁸Environmental Quality Board of Puerto Rico, February 15, 1995, <u>RCRA Facility Assessment Report</u>, Digital Equipment Corporation, San German, Puerto Rico, PRD991291857.

⁹GZA, February 23, 1995, <u>RCRA Closure Report and Certification</u>, <u>Hazardous Waste Container Storage</u>
<u>Areas</u>, <u>Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility</u>, <u>San German</u>, <u>Puerto Rico</u>.

Action Management Unit (CAMU). This CAMU approach is discussed further in the OPP and IMP.

In the RFA, the EQB stated that "Digital should continue their Corrective Action Plan as scheduled" and that the "IMP can be considered an RFI"; however, the EQB required Digital to submit a quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) plan, and a receptor survey to complete the RFI. Digital suggested that a QA/QC plan and a receptor survey were already conducted and submitted to the EQB as part of the Phase II study.



3.00 SITE HYDROGEOLOGY

The site is located approximately 1,200 feet west of the Guanajibo River in a tributary drainage basin of about 54 acres in size, bounded by a steep northwest to southeast trending ridge to the north and a smaller hill to the south. Based on topography, the area of watershed which can be expected to contribute to groundwater flow through the site under ambient conditions is approximately 25 acres (Figure 1).

Hydrogeologic profiles of the site, showing GZA's interpretation of subsurface conditions, are included as Figures 3 and 4. As shown on Figure 5A, the center of the valley originally extended in a southeasterly direction through the site.

The site and vicinity have apparently been filled and graded during site development in 1968. Fill, consisting of clay and silt with lesser amounts of sand and gravel, has been encountered in thicknesses up to 23 feet in soil borings at the site. In a number of locations on-site, a silty clay topsoil layer has been encountered below the fill. The soils underlying the topsoil horizon were derived from natural chemical weathering of the underlying bedrock (saprolite). Bedrock observed in cores from the site, consists of altered mafic igneous rock (basalt). At the site, the depth to the water table ranges between about 15 feet to about 35 feet, placing the water table within the silt and clay fill and saprolite materials.

GZA's interpretation of ambient groundwater flow conditions are presented on Figure 5B, and the subsurface profiles shown on Figures 3 and 4.

Under non-pumping conditions, groundwater flow derived from precipitative recharge over the topographically highland areas to the north, east, and south of the site, converges towards the pre-development topographic valley, and then flows northwest toward the Guanajibo River. Groundwater flow conditions are affected by on-site groundwater withdrawals, as shown on Figures 5C and 5D.

Average annual precipitation in the lower Guanajibo River drainage basin is about 56 inches.¹⁰ The EPA and the EQB reported a net precipitation (infiltration) of 14 inches per year for the site¹¹, which would imply on the order of 26,000 gallons per day of recharge contributing to groundwater flow through the site.



Leakage from subsurface water lines, and perhaps discharge of chiller condensate and roof drainage add to flow beneath the site and have resulted in a local groundwater mound approximately 4 feet above the general groundwater flow conditions in the saprolite. Based on this recharge estimate, compared to Circo's current groundwater withdrawal rates and the pump testing results, it is likely that groundwater from the site is effectively contained by the on-going groundwater withdrawals.

The hydraulic properties of the soil and rock beneath the site have been measured through pump testing, slug tests, and empirically assessed via grain-size distribution data. Considering the data in aggregate, GZA estimated a range of bulk hydraulic conductivity for saprolite and rock of 0.1 to 1 feet per day $(3\times10^{-3} \text{ to } 3\times10^{-4} \text{ cm/sec})$. Apparent transmissivity values estimated from pumping tests range from approximately 100 ft²/day to approximately 1,800 ft²/day. The results of these tests further demonstrate a consistent response for bedrock and saprolite well couplets indicating a significant degree of interconnection of these units, presumably through remnant bedrock fabric (jointing).

Please refer to the Phase II report and the IMP for more detailed discussions pertaining to the site geologic and hydrologic settings.

4.00 NATURE AND EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION

As stated in the past reports, the primary contaminants of concern at the site are the presence of chlorinated ethenes in the soil and groundwater. As such, the following sections present discussions of the nature and extent of chlorinated ethenes in vadose zone soil and in groundwater at the site.

¹⁰E. Colon-Dieppa and F. Quinones-Marquez, <u>A Reconnaissance of the Water Resources of the Central Guanajibo River Valley</u>, Puerto Rico, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Investigations Report 82-4050, 1985.

¹¹EQB, October, 1990, <u>RCRA Facility Assessment Report, Digital Equipment Corporation, San German, Puerto Rico, PRD991291857</u>, Adia T. Fuentes Rivera, EQB Land Pollution Control Area, Hazardous Waste Division.

¹²Leakages from subsurface water lines have been confirmed at the site. A leak from the sprinkler piping was repaired in January 1993, however there is evidence that additional leaks and other sources of water may be present.

4.10 **SOIL**



Potential sources and extent of chlorinated ethenes in vadose zone soil were assessed as part of the Phase II Hydrogeologic Evaluation by a combination of soil-gas survey and laboratory analysis of soil samples collected from soil borings. The results of the soil gas survey are shown on Figure 6. Soil samples collected above the water table from two soil borings performed in the vicinity of the loading dock (B-413 and B-414) contained concentrations of total chlorinated compounds as high as 919 milligrams per kilograms (mg/kg) confirming the vadose zone in this area as a source of on-going contamination to the groundwater. The facility-wide investigation did not reveal evidence to suggest that any of the eight areas identified as SWMUs in the RFA were sources of chlorinated ethene contamination.

4.20 GROUNDWATER

Site-wide groundwater sampling and laboratory analysis has been conducted on three occasions (sampling rounds): September 3 and 4, 1992 (Round I), February 19, 22, and 23, 1993 (Round II), and November 28, 29, and 30, 1994 (Round III). Analytical data from each sampling round are summarized in Table 1. A graphical comparison of these data is presented on Figure 7. As shown on Figure 7, the two primary compounds historically detected include trichloroethene, and one of its breakdown compounds, cis,1,2-dichloroethene. VOCs have been detected in groundwater samples from monitoring wells throughout the site, except for the northeastern portion of the site. Historically, concentrations are greatest for samples collected from monitoring wells screened within the saprolite, ranging from 16 to 41,000 micrograms/liter (ug/l). The highest concentration was detected during Round II in groundwater from a saprolite-screened well located near the northern property line (OW-304). As shown on Figure 7, in general, the concentration of total chlorinated compounds in samples collected from the bedrock wells is significantly lower than in the saprolite.

4.30 SURFACE WATER IN THE GUANAJIBO RIVER

Surface water and sediment samples were collected and analyzed from three up-stream to downstream locations along the Guanajibo River. VOCs and PHCs were not detected in any of the surface water or sediment samples. Analyses for metals in the three sediment samples showed concentrations below anticipated background levels based on testing of background samples collected from nearby borrow pits. Furthermore, there was no regular progression of increasing or decreasing metals concentrations in sediment samples with respect to sampling locations along the Guanajibo River (i.e., upriver or downriver). Metals were not detected in surface water samples in significant concentrations that could be attributable to the site.

As stated above, published information indicates that the general water quality of the Guanajibo River is poor due to sewage discharges¹³. According to this report, fecal total coliform concentrations of up to 670,000 colonies per 100 milliliters have been detected at a monitoring point in San German, up-stream of the site.

4.40 TEMPORAL VARIATIONS OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY



A temporal comparison of available groundwater quality data is shown on Figure 7. Graphs of water quality data versus time (time-series plots) for selected monitoring wells are included in Appendix B. Our ability to assess temporal trends in water quality is limited by the lack of data for wells found to be dry in 1994; however, in general, the data suggest:

- a substantial decrease in total VOC concentrations for samples from shallow wells screened in fill or natural topsoil (OW-106, and OW-305); and
- an apparent increase in concentrations for samples collected from deep bedrock wells (W-5, W-6, W-7, and BR-308).

Of particular note is the apparent presence of VOCs in samples from saprolite wells OW-301, and bedrock wells W-3 and W-4. Under ambient groundwater conditions, these wells are believed to be located across a groundwater divide from historical sources of on-site contamination. VOCs were not detected in these wells during sampling rounds I or II; however the presence of VOCs detected during sampling round III may be associated with Circo's increased use of W-3 for production pumping.

5.00 POTENTIAL RECEPTORS

The Phase II report included the results of a preliminary receptor survey and a qualitative public risk assessment.¹⁴ A quantitative risk assessment was conducted as part of the Remedial System Design Report.¹⁵ In assessing potential exposures, we considered:

- contaminant source mechanisms;
- contaminant transport mechanisms;

¹³Colon-Dieppa, E., and F. Quinones-Marquez, 1985, op.cit.

¹⁴Presented as Appendix J and Table 9 of the Phase II report, respectively.

¹⁵GZA and Terra Vac, Inc., July 20, 1995, <u>Remedial Systems Design Report, Interim Measure - Soil and Groundwater Remediation Project, Former Digital Equipment Corporation Facility, San German, Puerto Rico, Digital Project No. 052-03018.</u>

- potential exposure points; and
- potential receptors.



A summary of potential human receptors is presented in Table 2. As shown in Table 2, potential receptors identified at the site include facility workers, utility workers, and local residents. On site facility workers may be exposed to chlorinated ethene vapors emanating from contaminated groundwater used as process water in the buildings. On-site utility workers may be exposed to chlorinated ethene-contaminated soil, vapors and shallow groundwater during future (hypothetical) subsurface utility repair or installation work. Local residents may be exposed to contaminants migrating from the site through ingestion and dermal contact with contaminated groundwater from private water supply wells, ingestion and dermal contact with surface water from the Guanajibo River, and ingestion of fish caught from the Guanajibo River. Each of these potential exposures is further discussed below.

5.10 EXPOSURES AT THE GUANAJIBO RIVER

As stated in GZA's Phase II report, the available information did not indicate that measurable impacts to the Guanajibo River from contamination related to the site had occurred. Chlorinated VOCs and PHCs were not detected in surface water samples collected at two downstream locations in the River. Moveover, of ten metals analyzed in surface water and sediment samples collected from the river, only nickel was detected in downstream water samples, but at concentrations below enforceable health-based drinking water standards. GZA concluded that it was also unlikely that the site is the source of the nickel in the Guanajibo River given that nickel was not detected in significant concentrations in groundwater directly beneath the site.

Historical water resource data¹⁷ indicate that in the past, water quality in the River has been generally poor due to sewage discharges. Data for a sampling point at the Highway 119 Bridge which is upstream of the site indicate elevated coliform, fecal coliform, and fecal streptococci as well as elevated concentrations of other parameters.

Direct human contact with surficial stream sediments is not considered to be a probable route of exposure as the sampling and analysis conducted to date has not shown significant levels of site derived target compounds in sediments in the Guanajibo River. Finally, the data from the Phase II report showed no trend in increasing contaminant levels moving from locations upstream of the site to downstream of the site. VOCs and PHCs were not detected in the sediment samples.

¹⁶This exposure pathway may be limited to the loading dock source area.

¹⁷ United States Geological Survey, 1985, <u>A Reconnaissance of the Water Resources of the Central Guanajibo Valley, Puerto Rico</u>, Water Resources Investigations Report 82-4050, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Although the available evidence does not suggest that an impact to the Guanajibo River has occurred, based upon our understanding of the hydrology of the Guanajibo River, it is likely that, in the absence of groundwater containment at the site, the River represents the primary discharge point for groundwater migrating from the site; Therefore, it is possible that, in the absence of groundwater containment, aquatic organisms and recreational users of the River may be potential receptors of contaminants from the site. Due to poor historical water quality, it is expected that the Guanajibo River would not normally be used for human contact recreation of fish harvesting for consumption.



5.20 EXPOSURES VIA DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

Based on the findings of our past studies, we have not identified any likely on-going receptors of chlorinated ethene contamination from the site. As stated in the Phase II, potential receptors of contaminated groundwater were assessed through performance of survey of public and private drinking water wells in the vicinity of the site. GZA identified data suggesting the presence of 23 public and private drinking water wells in the site area. Human exposure via public supplies is not considered likely for 21 of these wells, because the wells are located upstream of likely flow paths, and across the Guanajibo River from the site. As such these wells are believed to be hydrologically isolated from the site. The exposure pathway completion for the two remaining wells (located about 300 feet south of the site at the El Convento Housing District) was unknown, but thought unlikely, based on GZA's understanding of groundwater flow directions from the site.

The findings of GZA's water well research were subsequently independently confirmed by a study conducted by V. S. Rodriguez and Associates (VSR). The findings of the VSR study are presented in a report dated November 5, 1993 and are generally consistent with the findings of GZA's Phase II report. No additional records of registered, active, water supply wells between the site and the Guanajibo River were identified. Based on these findings, if any additional wells exist, it is likely that they are not operating under an approved PRDNR Water Franchise Permit and would be in violation of applicable Puerto Rico regulations.

The presence of a privately owned water supply well at the El Convento Housing District was further supported by the recollections of a local well driller. This well, however, has not been confirmed by site reconnaissance observations or a review of official records, including Water Franchise Permits. The lack of a Water Franchise Permit suggests that if the well exists and it is active pumped, it is not a legal installation/operation. Furthermore, based on our interpretation of groundwater flow conditions, if these wells exist, they are expected to be upgradient or sidegradient of likely groundwater flow paths from the site under site pumping conditions. An unconfirmed report indicates that a well at the facility (if any) may be used for filling and maintaining a swimming pool. If this report is correct, it is unlikely that the expected pumping rate would significantly affect groundwater flow conditions at the site.

5.30 ON-SITE EXPOSURES



The possibility of pathway completion for exposure of persons working at and visiting the facility via inhalation of VOCs is thought to be limited. Somewhat elevated VOC levels were detected in soil gas beneath the building floor slab in the waste treatment and finish good areas of Building 2, and the electrical test and solder mask areas of Building 1; however, the majority of the building is designed to operate at a net positive pressure relative to atmospheric. Therefore, air flow should be from the building interior, through any cracks in the floor slab, if they exist, and then into the subsurface. This advective transport of interior air should effectively block migration of VOCs from the subsurface to the building interior.

Similarly, under normal site operations, the possibility of pathway completion for exposure of persons working at and visiting the facility via contact with subsurface soils is thought to be limited. However, the possibility remains for human exposure in the event that on-site excavation occurs within areas of contaminated soils. Excavation might be necessary for installation and repair of utilities, or for expansion or alteration to site structures. Such exposures can be reduced through implementation of institutional controls for the site which require review of proposed excavation work, adherence to applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration site safety standards during performance of such work, and documentation of conditions encountered.

6.00 IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY INTERIM MEASURE

As stated above, Digital submitted the OPP and IMP to address soil and groundwater contamination by chlorinated ethenes identified during the Phase I and Phase II hydrogeologic investigations of the facility. This work will be conducted in general accordance with the RCRA Corrective Action format. As presented in the IMP and in previous documents, the objectives of the proposed project are to:

- Treat and contain VOC containing groundwater; and
- Remediate VOC-containing vadose zone soils in the only confirmed source at the site to reduce introduction of VOCs to the groundwater.

A groundwater containment and treatment system will be implemented utilizing the existing bedrock production wells. It is noted that based on our assessment of basin yield and the observed hydraulic responses of an existing production well, it is likely that the current and past groundwater withdrawals for production water has effectively functioned as an on-going containment system. VOC's in the pumped groundwater would be removed by activated carbon adsorption technologies and the treated water would be used as industrial process water by the current facility lessee. Operation of the groundwater

containment remedy would continue as long as the need for continued containment exists. Termination of active groundwater containment, in part or in whole, would occur if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- 1) Groundwater monitoring data indicate the quality of bulk groundwater flowing to the downgradient property boundary meets site-specific risk-based media protection standards;
- 2) The rate of VOC mass recovery becomes de minimis; or
- 3) The trend in VOC concentrations in groundwater reaches an asymptotic level.

Digital proposes to remove VOCs from the vadose zone soils in the loading dock area using soil vapor extraction. The system will operate until VOC concentrations in soil are below site-specific risk-based cleanup standards, or proposed RCRA Subpart S Action Levels, or until VOC concentrations reach an asymptotic condition.

Implementation of the Interim Measures began immediately following submission of the IMP. As shown on the schedule presented in the design report, construction of the remedial systems is expected to begin by early September 1995 and systems are expected to be started up by the end of the same month. Digital will keep EQB and EPA apprised of the performance of these systems by regular quarterly meetings and status reports.

7.00 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The site consists of about 18 acres of land owned by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation (PRIDCO) on which there are three industrial buildings totaling about 200,000 square feet. The site was previously occupied by Digital and operated as a printed wire board (PWB) manufacturing facility. In 1992, site operations were transferred to the Circo Caribe Corporation (Circo), which has continued PWB manufacturing processes at the site. On-site process water is obtained from pumping several on-site water supply wells installed in bedrock.

The site is located approximately 1,200 feet west of the Guanajibo River. The site and vicinity have been filled and graded during site development in 1968. The general stratigraphy of subsurface materials at the site consists of silt and clay fill overlying silty clay topsoil, overlying saprolite (soil derived from in-place weathering of bedrock), overlying fractured basalt bedrock.

Under non-pumping conditions, groundwater is expected to flow northwest toward the Guanajibo River. The results of pump-tests of an on-site production well demonstrate a consistent hydraulic response in bedrock and saprolite, indicating a significant degree of



interconnection of the bedrock and overburden. Groundwater flow conditions are affected by on-site groundwater withdrawals. Current groundwater withdrawals are estimated to be over seven times the estimated groundwater recharge for the area contributing to groundwater flow through the site.



The most significant subsurface contamination issue at the site is the presence of chlorinated ethenes. Petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in groundwater and soil at the location of a former diesel fuel UST. The presence of limited amounts of metals were attributed to naturally occurring conditions or the vicinity of a historical incidental process water release. Chlorinated ethenes in groundwater were detected on a site-wide level. Chlorinated ethenes were also detected in the vadose zone soils at a loading dock between buildings 1 and 2 indicating that this area is a source of on-going contamination to the groundwater.

Sampling and analysis of surface water and sediment from the Guanajibo River did not indicate an impact to the river attributable to the site. Published information indicates that water quality in the river has historically been poor due to sewage discharges.

Based on the groundwater elevation and hydrologic data, the current practice of groundwater extraction from wells W-1, W-6, and W-7 for process water use appears to contain the contaminants on-site. This conclusion is further supported by the volume of water extracted which is over seven times the recharge for the portion of the drainage berm expected to contribute to groundwater flow through the site. Given on-site containment, there are effectively no complete migration pathways which would result in impact to off-site receptors. Therefore, impacts to the river should not be occurring, as supported by both sediment and surface water data. On-site exposures due to dermal contact, incidental ingestion and inhalation of on-site contaminants contained in soil, groundwater, and process water appear limited. If the groundwater extraction is terminated in the future due to facility shutdown, it is expected that site groundwater will flow to the river, but with no significant impact. In addition, the two unregistered private wells which may exist at the El Convento Housing District 300 feet to the south of the site (based on an unsubstantiated verbal report), appear to be cross-gradient under nonpumping conditions. While a high degree of pumpage from these private wells, with the facility process works shut down, potentially could result in some contaminant impact, such pumping would be illegal. Not withstanding the above, more formal institutional controls may warrant consideration if the facility was shut down.

GZA believes that the past studies conducted at the site are consistent with requirements of the RCRA CA process. We suggest that this report as well as certain past reports, in aggregate, be considered at the equivalent of an RFI. In accordance with the Overall Project Plan and the Interim Measures Proposal (IMP), previously submitted to the EQB, Digital is proceeding to remedy soil and groundwater contamination by chlorinated ethenes

as a voluntary Interim Measure following the requirements of the RCRA Corrective Action process. As presented in the IMP, the objectives of the proposed remedy are to:

- Treat and contain volatile organic compound-(VOC)containing groundwater; and
- Remediate VOC-containing vadose zone soils in the Loading Dock area, the only confirmed source at the site to reduce introduction of VOCs to the groundwater.



TABLES

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

Sample ID:		W-1	1				W-3					W-4	4		W-5	
Date:	1992	2	1993	3	1992		1993	3	1994		1993	3	1994	4	1992	
	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	900.0		0.003		Q	0.002	Q.	0.003	0.128		Q.	0.002	Ð	0.005	0.12	
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	QN N	0.007	Q.	0.002	QN	0.002	Q.	0.002	0.07		QN	0.002	R	0.005	£	0.002
1,2-Dichloroethane	R	0.002	QN.	0.002	QN.	0.002	QN	0.002	QN	0.005	QN.	0.002	R	0.005	£	0.002
1,1-Dichloroethene	QN	0.002	R	0.002	<u>R</u>	0.002	Q	0.002	QN ON	0.005	QN	0.002	QN	0.005	Ð	0.002
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.008		0.005		QN	0.002	Q	0.002	R	0.005	Q	0.002	0.019		Q.	0.002
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Q.		R	0.002	Q.	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005	R	0.002	R	0.005	R	0.002
Methylene chloride	R	0.002	Q	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005	R	0.002	R	0.005	0.007	
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Q.	0.002	0.002		Ð	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005	R	0.002	Q	0.005	£	0.002
Toluene	<u>N</u>	0.001	ON.	0.001	R	0.001	2	0.001	R	0.005	R	0.001	Q	0.005	R	0.001
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	QN	0.002	<u>Q</u>	0.002	R	0.002	Ê	0.002	Ê	0.005	<u>R</u>	0.002	<u>S</u>	0.005	Ð	0.002
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.022		0.012		<u>R</u>	0.002	Q N	0.002	<u>N</u>	0.005	QN	0.002	QN	0.005	0.003	
Vinyl chloride	£	0.005	Q	0.01	R	0.005	2	0.002	Ð	0.005	2	0.002	Ð	0.005	Ð	0.005
Metals																
Iron									0.078				0.118			
Manganese									R	0.05			Q.	0.05		
Barium	0.12	0.01	0.12	100	0.27 CIM	0.01	0.34 NID	100			0.14 CIN	100			0.15	100
Selenium	2 2	0.01	2 2	0.01	2 2	0.01	2 2	0.01			2 2	0.01			2 2	0.01
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Sample ID:			W-5						9-M					L-W	L	
Date	1992-DUP	JUP	1993	3	1994		1992	2	1993		1994	**	1992		1993	e e
	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	0.12		0.028		0.203		Q.	0.002	Q	0.002	Q.	0.005	R	0.002	QN	0.002
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	QN.	0.002	N	0.007	QN	0.005	0.002		QN.	0.002	ND	0.005	QN.	0.002	Ð	0.002
1,2-Dichloroethane	Q	0.002	ND	0.007	0.052		R	0.002	Q.	0.002	0.34		R	0.002	N	0.002
1,1-Dichloroethene	QN.	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005	0.005		0.004		R	0.005	R	0.002	R	0.002
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	QN	0.007	QN	0.007	0.015		0.077		0.084		0.013		0.004		0.011	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	<u>N</u>	0.002	Q	0.002	R	0.005	0.007		900.0		Q	0.005	R	0.002	R	0.002
Methylene chloride	0.008		0.002		R	0.005	Q	0.002	<u>N</u>	0.002	QN	0.005	R	0.002	Q.	0.002
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	QN	0.002	QN	0.002	QN	0.005	R	0.002	ON.	0.002	QN N	0.005	R	0.002	QN	0.002
Toluene	R	0.001	QN.	0.001	QN.	0.005	Q.	0.001	Q.	0.001	R	0.005	R	0.001	QN	0.001
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	Q	0.002	QN	0.002	QN N	0.005	QN	0.002	<u>Q</u>	0.002	Q.	0.005	QN	0.002	Q.	0.002
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.003		Q	0.002	R	0.005	0.16		0.15		0.042		0.01		0.029	
Vinyl chloride	QN	0.005	QN	0.01	Q.	0.005	<u>R</u>	0.005	R	0.01	Q.	0.005	Q.	0.005	Q.	0.01
Metals																
Iron					0.947						0.239					
Manganese					Ð	0.05	,				Q.	0.05	(
Barium Nickel	(1.0 Z	0.01		0.01			- F	0 0 1		0 01			0.2 C	0.01	77.0 Zi	0.01
Selenium	QN QN	0.01	N	0.01			Q	0.01	Q	0.01			Q.	0.01	Q.	0.01
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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

Sample ID:	V-7		OW-1	1		OW-2	1-2		OW-101	01		OW-102	102	
Date:	1994	4	1993	3	1992	2	1993		1994	4	1992	2	1993	3
	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds														
Chloroform	QN	0.005	R	0.002	g	0.002	R	0.003	QN.	0.005	R	0.003	2	0.002
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	Q	0.005	Q	0.002	0.003		0.004		QN	0.005	0.01		0.008	
1,2-Dichloroethane	R	0.005	Q	0.002	Q.	0.002	QN	0.002	0.34		QN.	0.007	R	0.002
1,1-Dichloroethene		0.005	<u>R</u>	0.002	0.002		0.003		QN	0.005	Q.	0.007	900.0	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.838		Q.	0.002	0.005		900.0		0.075		QN	0.007	900.0	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Q	0.005	Q.	0.002	Q	0.002	Q	0.002	QN	0.005	QN	0.007	QN	0.002
Methylene chloride	QN N	0.005	Q	0.007	ON.	0.002	R	0.002	Q	0.005	ON	0.002	Ð.	0.002
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	R	0.005	QN	0.002	R	0.002	Q	0.007	QZ	0.005	QN.	0.002	Ð	0.002
Toluene	QN	0.005	0.001		0.005		N	0.001	Q	0.005	QN	0.001	Q.	0.001
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	<u>N</u>	0.005	<u>R</u>	0.007	Q.	0.007	Q.	0.002	QN	0.005	QN.	0.002	R	0.007
Trichloroethene (TCE)	<u>R</u>	0.005	QN N	0.002	0.008		0.013		4.857		0.014		0.13	
Vinyl chloride	Ð	0.005	R	0.01	R	0.005	R	0.01	QN	0.005	Q.	0.005	Q.	0.01
Metals														
Iron	0.167													
Manganese	0.081													
Barium			0.3		0.1		90.0				0.16		0.14	
Nickel			Q !	0.01	0.07		0.05				2	0.01	0.05	
Selenium			2	0.01	Q	0.01	Q Z	0.01			2	0.01	2	0.01
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Sample ID:	San	OW-103	-103			OW-105	105			N and all the		OW-106	901		10 miles 200 miles	
Date:	1992	2	1993	3	1992	2	1993	~	1992	~	1993		1993-DUP	UP	1994	
	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	R	0.003	Q.	0.003	QN	0.002	Ð	0.002	S	0.002	R	0.002	QN	0.002	Q	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	0.003		0.003		0.005		R	0.002	0.002		0.003		0.003		Q	0.005
1,2-Dichloroethane	QN N	0.007	QN	0.007	QN	0.002	R	0.002	Q.	0.002	R	0.002	Q	0.002	Ð	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.003		0.007		0.008		Q.	0.002	QN	0.002	0.004		0.004		Q	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.018		0.024		0.007	Ī	<u>R</u>	0.002	800.0		0.022	Ī	0.022		0.021	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	QN N	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.007	Q	0.002	R	0.002	Q	0.002	£	0.002	Ð	0.005
Methylene chloride	<u>R</u>	0.007	QN	0.002	<u>R</u>	0.002	Ð	0.002	N Q	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND ND	0.007	R	0.002	N N	0.007	<u>R</u>	0.002	R	0.002	Q.	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005
Toluene	QN	0.001	QN N	0.001	0.001		<u>R</u>	0.001	Ð	0.001	Q	0.001	Q	0.001	£	0.005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	ND	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.007	QN	0.002	Ð	0.002	<u>R</u>	0.002	<u>R</u>	0.002	Ð	0.005
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.014		0.018		0.016		R	0.002	0.004		0.01		0.00		2	0.005
Vinyl chloride	QN.	0.005	R	0.01	QN	0.005	R	0.01	Q Z	0.005	Q Q	0.01	2	0.01	R	0.005
Metals																
Iron																
Manganese									,							
Barium	90.0		0.08		0.08		0.15		0.08		0.08					
Nickel	0.08	Š	0.07	Č	0.14		2 5	0.01	20.0 42. t		0.0 C	5				
Selenium	Q N	0.01	S	0.01	Q N	0.01	Q Z	0.01	S S	0.01	Q N	0.01				
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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

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Sample ID:			OW-301	301				OW-302	302				OW-303A)3A	The second second	
Date:	1992	2	1993	3	1994	4	1992	2	1993	3	1992	6	1993	3	1994	4
Mark San	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDE	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	ND	0.002	S	0.003	R	0.005	0.002		Q.	0.002	£	0.003	0.005		g	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	QN	0.002	Q.	0.007	QN.	0.005	QN	0.002	R	0.002	ND ND	0.002	QN.	0.002	Q	0.005
1,2-Dichloroethane	R	0.007	ND ND	0.002	0.295		ND	0.002	R	0.002	Q.	0.002	QN	0.002	Q	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethene	Q	0.007	R	0.007	R	0.005	N	0.007	QN	0.002	QN	0.002	ND	0.002	N	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	Q N	0.002	R	0.003	Q.	0.005	0.007		0.045		0.008		0.004		0.014	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	R	0.002	QN N	0.007	Q.	0.005	R	0.002	<u>N</u>	0.002	QN.	0.002	<u>N</u>	0.002	Ð	0.005
Methylene chloride	R	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.005	R	0.002	<u>R</u>	0.002	Q.	0.002	R	0.002	Ð	0.005
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	QN.	0.007	Q	0.002	R	0.005	0.002		0.003		Q.	0.002	Q.	0.007	Ð	0.005
Toluene	Q	0.001	R	0.001	2 N	0.005	R	0.001	R	0.001	Q.	0.001	R	0.001	R	0.005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	Q	0.002	Q	0.002	Q.	0.005	S	0.002	R	0.002	R	0.002	Ð	0.002	R	0.005
Trichloroethene (TCE)	Q	0.007	R	0.002	R	0.005	0.049		0.05		0.005		0.007		Q.	0.005
Vinyl chloride	N	0.005	QN	0.005	QZ	0.005	Q.	0.005	R	0.01	Q.	0.005	Q.	0.01	Ð	0.005
Metals																
Iron																
Manganese																
Barium	0.4		0.53				0.52		69.0		0.1		60.0			
Nickel	N N	0.01	Q.	0.01			QN	0.01	QN ON	0.01	Q.	0.01	R	0.01		
Selenium	2	0.01	2	0.01			R	0.01	2	0.01	2	0.01	2	0.01		
PHCs																

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Sample ID:		-WO	304			MO	OW-304				OW-305	305		
Date:	1992		1993		1993-DUP	UP	1994	4	1992	2	1993	*	1994	χt
	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDE	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds				Man an Au										
Chloroform	QN	0.2	QN	0.5	QN	0.5	0.74		ND	0.05	QN	0.2	0.054	
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	QN	0.2	ND ND	0.5	QN	0.5	Q	0.005	QN	0.02	Q	0.2	Q.	0.005
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.2		QN	0.5	QN ON	0.5	<u>R</u>	0.005	N N	0.02	Q.	0.2	0.139	
1,1-Dichloroethene	2	0.2	Q	0.5	QN	0.5	Q	0.005	Q N	0.02	OZ	0.2	R	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.3		-		_		QN Q	0.005	2.9		2.4		Q	0.005
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	2	0.2	R	0.5	QN	0.5	ON ON	0.005	QN N	0.02	Q	0.2	Q.	0.005
Methylene chloride	Q	0.5	Q.	0.5	QN	0.5	QN Q	0.005					R	0.005
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	R	0.5	Q	0.5	<u>R</u>	0.5	Q.	0.005	N N	0.02	QN	0.2	R	0.005
Toluene	Q	0.1	Q	0.5	ON	0.5	QN	0.005	N	0.01	QN	0.1	Q.	0.005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	2	0.2	Q.	0.5	ON.	0.5	Q	0.005	R	0.02	Q.	0.2	R	0.005
Trichloroethene (TCE)	19		40		34		11.5		3.8		4		0.139	
Vinyl chloride	Q.	0.5	QN Q	2	Q	2	Q	0.005	0.5		Q	-	Q	0.005
Metals														
Iron														
Manganese				***************************************										
Barium	0.23		0.3						0.22		0.22			
Nickel	2	0.01	2	0.01					R	0.01	2	0.01		
Selenium	Q	0.01	Q	0.01					R	0.01	2	0.01		
PHCs														
							Name and Address of the Owner, where							

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Sample ID:		OW-307	307		OW-307	07			BR-308	8(OW-401	401	
Date:	1992	2	1993	3	1994		1992	2	1993		1994		1993	3	1994	
The Assessment of the second second	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT MDL	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	Q.	0.003	S	0.03	1.11		R	0.003	R	0.02	0.069		Q	0.02	0.031	
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	Ð	0.002	QN N	0.02	0.088		0.004		Q	0.02	Ð	0.005	Ð	0.02	0.156	
1,2-Dichloroethane	Q	0.002	R	0.02	QN	0.005	N N	0.002	Q.	0.05	R	0.005	Ð	0.02	Q	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethene	QN	0.002	ON.	0.02	<u>R</u>	0.005	0.011		N	0.02	QN.	0.005	R	0.02	Q.	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.11		0.13		Q.	0.005	0.074		0.13		QN	0.005	0.11		QN	0.005
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	2	0.002	Q	0.02	Q.	0.005	R	0.002	QN	0.02	R	0.005	QN	0.02	Q	0.005
Methylene chloride	Q	0.002	Q	0.02	R	0.005	R	0.002	Q.	0.02	0.486		QN	0.02	QN	0.005
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	QN.	0.002	Q	0.02	QN N	0.005	<u>R</u>	0.002	QN	0.02	Q.	0.005	R	0.02	Q.	0.005
Toluene	ON.	0.001	Q	0.01	<u>R</u>	0.005	Q	0.001	Q	0.01	R	0.005	Q.	0.01	Q	0.005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	QN Q	0.002	Q	0.02	<u>R</u>	0.005	R	0.002	QN	0.02	R	0.005	Q.	0.02	<u>N</u>	0.005
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.12		0.19		0.32		980.0		0.23		0.109		0.19		0.118	
Vinyl chloride	0.053		Q	0.1	R	0.005	0.018		Q.	0.1	Q.	0.005	ON.	0.1	Q.	0.005
Metals																
Iron											0.134					
Manganese											0.12					
Barium	0.37		0.28				0.47	1	0.55				0.52			
Nickel	2 2	0.01	2 2	0.01			Q F	0.01	2 2	0.01				0.01		
Selemum		0.01	ON	0.01			0.11			0.01			O.	0.01		
PHCs							R	0.001								
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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

Sample ID:	OW-402U	12U	OW-402L	12L		OW-403	403		OW-404L	ML.	OW-404U	MU	OW-405	05	OW-406	90
Date:	1993	3	1993		1993		1994	-	1993		1994		1993	3	1994	
	RESULT MDL	_	RESULT MDL		RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	QN	0.02	R	0.03	Q	0.02	Q.	0.005	R	0.03	2	0.005	2	0.002	QX	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	<u>R</u>	0.02	QN	0.02	Q.	0.02	Q.	0.005	QN	0.02	QN	0.005	Q	0.002	Q	0.005
1,2-Dichloroethane	Q.	0.02	QN.	0.02	Q.	0.02	R	0.005	Q.	0.02	R	0.005	N N	0.002	QN	0.005
1,1-Dichloroethene	QN	0.02	R	0.02	QN	0.02	Q.	0.005	QN.	0.02	<u>R</u>	0.005	R	0.002	Ð	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	0.1		90.0		90:0		R	0.005	0.18		Q.	0.005	Q.	0.002	0.015	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	ON.	0.02	N	0.02	Q.	0.02	QN.	0.005	Q.	0.02	<u>R</u>	0.005	QN	0.002	QN	0.005
Methylene chloride	QN	0.02	QN	0.02	QN	0.02	<u>N</u>	0.005	Q.	0.05	QN	0.005	QN	0.002	ND ND	0.005
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND	0.02	0.03		R	0.03	<u>N</u>	0.005	QN	0.02	QN N	0.005	QN.	0.002	QN	0.005
Toluene	QN	0.01	Q	0.01	Q	0.01	Q	0.005	Q.	0.01	QN	0.005	QN.	0.001	N Q	0.005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	Q	0.02	Q	0.02	R	0.02	R	0.005	R	0.02	R	0.005	<u>R</u>	0.002	Ð	0.005
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.23		0.31		0.71		R	0.005	0.16		<u>R</u>	0.005	90.0		ON.	0.005
Vinyl chloride	Q	0.1	R	0.1	2	0.1	R	0.005	Q	0.1	£	0.005	Q.	0.01	Q	0.005
Metals																
Iron																
Manganese																
Barium	0.61		0.63		0.23				0.44				0.27			
Nickel	0.03	ć		0.01	0.05	0			2	0.01			2	0.01		
Selenium	Q N	0.01	Q N	10:0	a Z	0.01			OZ.	0.01			2	0.01		- universal
PHCs																
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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

Sample ID:	OW-407	07	OW-408	80	-	DEC-20	C-201				DEC-2018	1R			DEC-202	
Date:	1993	3	1993	3	1992		1993		1992		1993		1994		1993	
	RESULT MDL		RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDE	RESULT	MDE	RESULT	MDL	RESULT MDL	MDL	RESULT MDL	OL RESULT	_	MDL
Volatile Organic Compounds																
Chloroform	QN.	0.003	QN	0.02	Q	0.05	Q.	0.02			£	0.00		\(\overline{\pi}\)		0.002
1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA)	ON O	0.002	Ð	0.02	0.15		0.12				0.11			0.0	-	
1,2-Dichloroethane	Q.	0.002	R	0.02	R	0.02	R	0.02			2	0.05		Q —		0.002
1,1-Dichloroethene	R	0.007	Ð	0.02	0.07		90:0				0.05			0.0	11	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)	Q.	0.002	0.17		0.31		0.25				0.25			0.0		
rans-1,2-Dichloroethene	ON.	0.002	R	0.02	<u>R</u>	0.02	R	0.05			2	0.02		Z		0.002
Methylene chloride	QN.	0.002	ON.	0.02	QN	0.02	QN	0.02			Q	0.02		Z —		000
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	QN	0.002	N	0.02	QN	0.02	0.02				0.02			0.0		*******
Toluene	QN.	0.001	Q.	0.01	<u>R</u>	0.01	Q	0.01			Q.	0.01		Z		0.001
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	Q	0.002	QN.	0.02	Q.	0.02	N	0.02			R	0.02		0		
Trichloroethene (TCE)	QN.	0.002	0.77		R	0.02	QN ON	0.02			R	0.02	_	0.0	_	
Vinyl chloride	<u>R</u>	0.01	ON.	0.01	Q.	0.05	ON O	0.1			Q.	0.1		Z		0.01
,																
Metals																
Iron														_	_	
Manganese	,		0								20.0			_		
Barium	0.13	100	0.09 CIN	000					6.0		8.50 E	0.01		6. E		0
Nickel		0.0	2 5	0.01					70.0	0.01	2 2	0.01		_		10.0
Selenium	Q	0.01	ON	10.0					2	10.01	3	0.01		-		10.
PHCs					5		21						35	ON _		0.001
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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING

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Sample ID:		DEC	DEC-203			000	2000	-								
Date	1992			1002	200		DEC-203R			DEC	DEC-204			DRC-205	205	
	DEGIN		Parametria		1992	12	1993	93	1992		1993	3	1001			
	NESOLI.	MIDE	KESULI	MDL	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDI.	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDE	RESULT	MDL	RESULT	MDI
Volatile Organic Compounds																TOTAL TOTAL
Chloroform 1,1-Dichloroethane (DCA) 1,2-Dichloroethane 1,1-Dichloroethene cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE) trans-1,2-Dichloroethene Methylene chloride Tetrachloroethene (PCE) Toluene 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA) Trichloroethene (TCE) Vinyl chloride	0.003 0.024 ND 0.14 0.002 ND 0.059 ND 0.014 0.06	0.002 0.002 0.001 0.001	ND N	0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.001					0.007 0.047 ND 0.12 0.009 ND ND ND 0.068 ND ND ND ND ND	0.002 0.002 0.001 0.001	0.007 0.012 ND 0.016 ND ND ND 0.034 ND 0.016 0.022 ND	0.002 0.002 0.002 0.001 0.001	ND ND 0.03 ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND	0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002	ND ND 0.085 ND ND ND ND 0.085 ND ND ND ND 0.021 ND ND N	0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.002 0.001
Iron Manganese Barium Nickel Selenium	SA CA	0.001	Q	0.001	0.06 CIN CIN CIN	0.01	0.05 ND ND	0.01	0.19 ON ON O	0.01	0.23 ND ND	0.01		0.01	0.22 ND ND	0.01
										100.0		100.0	2	0.001	2	0.001

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SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER TESTING Digital Equipment Corporation San German, Puerto Rico

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NOTES:

1. Groundwater Sampling Dates:

1992 - Samples collected on September 3 and 4, 1992

1993 - Samples collected on February 19, 22, and 23, 1993

1994 - Samples collected on November 28, 29, and 30, 1994

2. All groundwater samples were collected by GZA personnel.

3. Samples collected in 1992 and 1993 were analyzed by Bastern Analytical, Inc. of Concord, New Hampshire. Samples collected in 1994 were

analyzed by Beckton Analytical Laboratories, Inc. of Ponce, Puerto, Rico.

4. Refer to the Phase I, Phase II, and IMP reports for field procedures, analytical methods, and laboratory analytical reports.

5. All concentrations in milligrams per liter (mg/l).

6. A blank entry indicates that the compound was not analyzed for.

7. "ND" indicates that the compound was not detected above the Method Detection Limit (MDL).

8. "PHC" - Petroleum Hydrocarbons.

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATIO N REQUIRED	None	Information on the elevation depth, construction, yield, and present use of these wells. To date this information is unavailable.
PATHWAY COMPLETION POSSIBLE?	°Z	Unknown, but thought to be unlikely. Pathway could be blocked through migration control groundwater extraction and treatment.
DISCUSSION	Public water supply wells are located 2,000 feet south southeast of the site within alluvial aquifer associated with the Guanajibo River. The wells are located upstream of any likely flow path from the site, many across the Guanajibo River from the site and are thought to be hydrologically isolated.	Two wells located within the El Convento housing district approximately 500 feet south; inferred to be bedrock wells based on setting. One well is reportedly used for filling a swimming pool and for lawn watering; use of the other well is unknown. Primary groundwater flow direction from the site is indicated to be westerly and not toward these wells. Wells may be located at equal or slightly higher elevation with respect to site, under non-withdrawal conditions would likely be upgradient of the site at the water table. Deeper flow path from the site southerly towards the Guanajibo River may be present.
PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN	Chlorinated volatile organics, including: trichloroethene, 1,2-dichloroethene, vinyl chloride, methylene chloride, 1,1-dichloroethene, 1,2-dichloroethene, 1,2-dichloroethene, and	ten achionochiche, observed at concentrations above Federal Drinking Water Standard Maximum Contaminant Levels. Vinyl chloride also detected in a limited number of samples.
PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE	. Ingestion . Direct contact . Inhalation	Ingestion Direct contact Inhalation
PRIMARY RECEPTORS/ EXPOSURE POINTS	1. Residents - public drinking water supply wells	2. Residents - private water supply wells
RELEASE SOURCE/ MECHANISM	Dissolution from non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) residual remaining in the subsurface above and below the water table	
TRANSPORT	Groundwater	

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATIO N REQUIRED	None	None	None
PATHWAY COMPLETION POSSIBLE?	No	No	Not under present use conditions. Some potential in the event of excavation through contaminated soils if necessary for installation and repair of utilities or other reason.
DISCUSSION	Metals also were not detected at concentrations greater than upstream samples. Due to apparently poor historical water quality (high fecal coliform, and fecal streptococci), it is expected that the Guanajibo River would not normally be used for human contact recreation.	Analytical laboratory testing of river sediments did not indicate the presence of volatile organics or PHCs	Soil gas sampling and sampling of soils indicates that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are present at least in limited concentrations in soils beneath the building floor slab in the waste treatment, finish good areas of Building 2, and the loading dock, electrical test and solder mask areas of Building 1. Institutional controls requiring the presence of qualified health and safety trained personnel and work place monitoring of any on-site excavation are recommended.
PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN	As noted above, chlorinated volatile organics detected in groundwater at the site about 1,800 feet from the Guanajibo River, but not in surface water samples collected downstream at two locations; petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs) were also not detected.	Chlorinated volatile organics and PHCs	Chlorinated volatile organics and PHCs
PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE	Direct contact Incidental ingestion	Direct contact Incidental ingestion	Direct contact Incidental ingestion Inhalation
PRIMARY RECEPTORS/ EXPOSURE POINTS	Public users of the Guanajibo River	Public Users of the Guanajibo River	Persons working at or visiting the facility
RELEASE SOURCE/ MECHANISM	Contaminated groundwater discharging to surface water in the Guanajibo River	Partitioning and adsorption of constituents from groundwater discharging to the Guanajibo River	Near-surface residual contamination
TRANSPORT	Surface Water	Stream Sediments	Subsurface Soils

TABLE 2

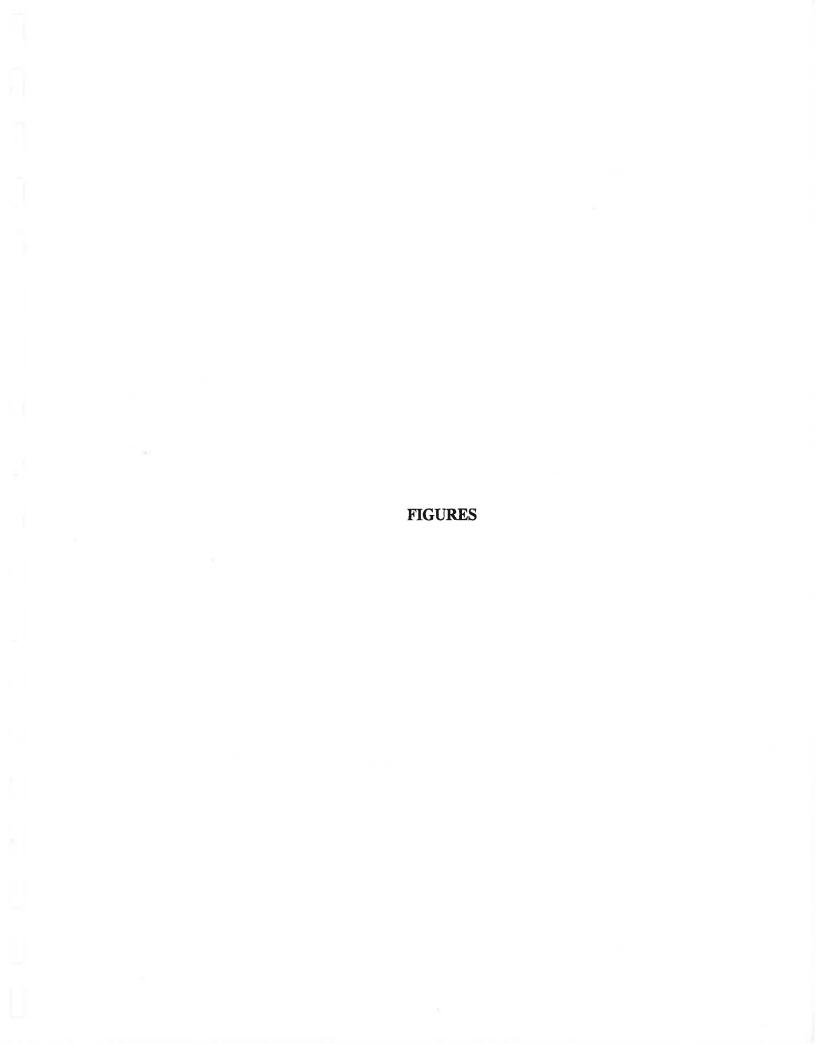
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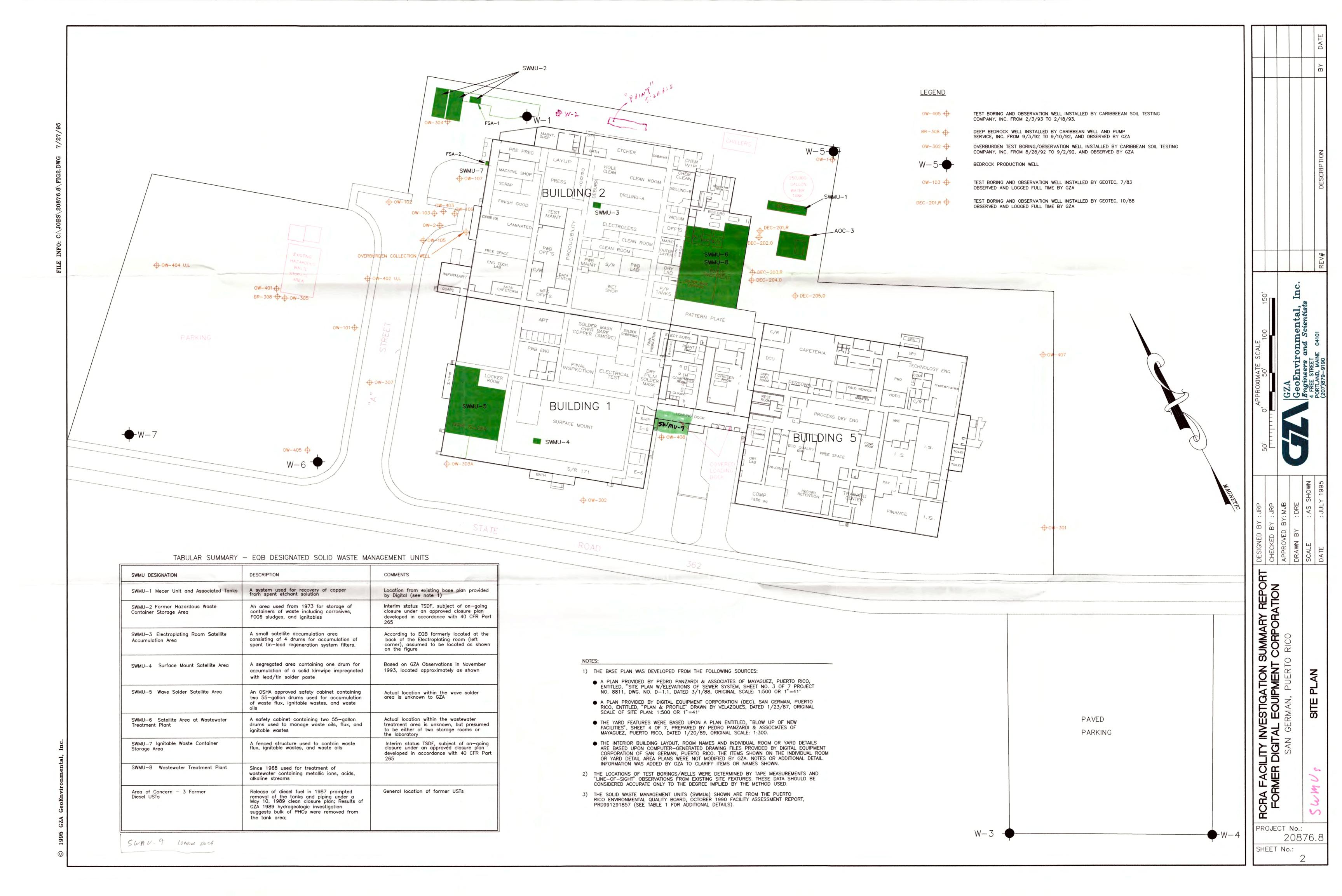
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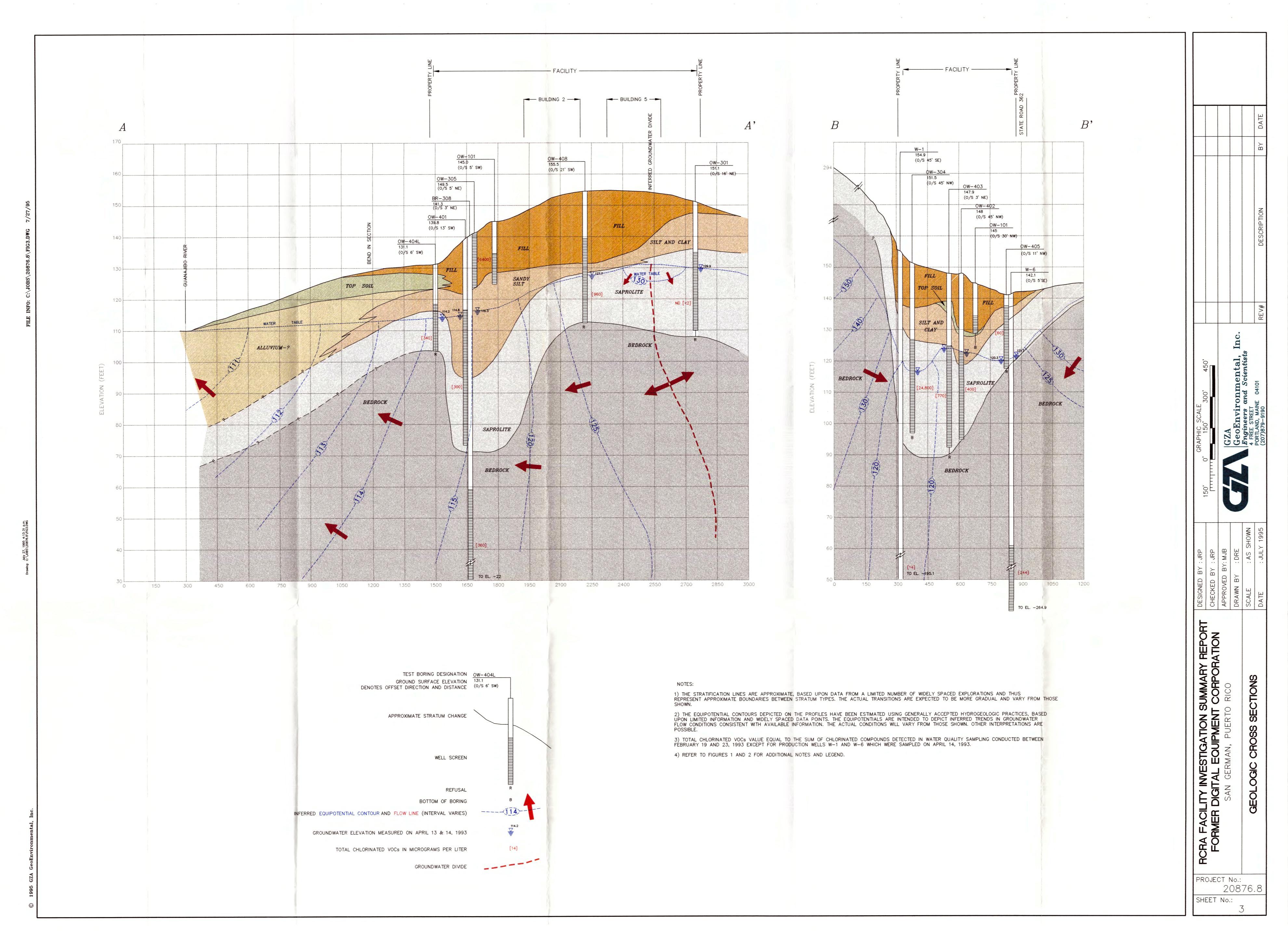
ADDITIONAL INFORMATIO N REQUIRED	None
PATHWAY COMPLETION POSSIBLE?	Thought to be unlikely.
DISCUSSION	Soil gas sampling and sampling of soils indicates that VOCs are present at least in limited concentrations in soils beneath the building floor slab in the waste treatment, finish good areas of Building 2, and the loading dock, electrical test and solder mask areas of Building 1. Building HVAC system designed to provide positive pressure conditions and would therefore limit the migration of vapors into the building. Soil vapor extraction implemented as a part of a remedial strategy for the loading dock area would also tend to limit inflow of vapors.
PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN	Volatile organics and PHCs
PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE	Inhalation
PRIMARY RECEPTORS/ EXPOSURE POINTS	Persons working at or visiting the facility
RELEASE SOURCE/ MECHANISM	Partitioning from aqueous and NAPL phases into the soil gas and migration into the occupied building space by advection and diffusion
TRANSPORT	Soil Gas

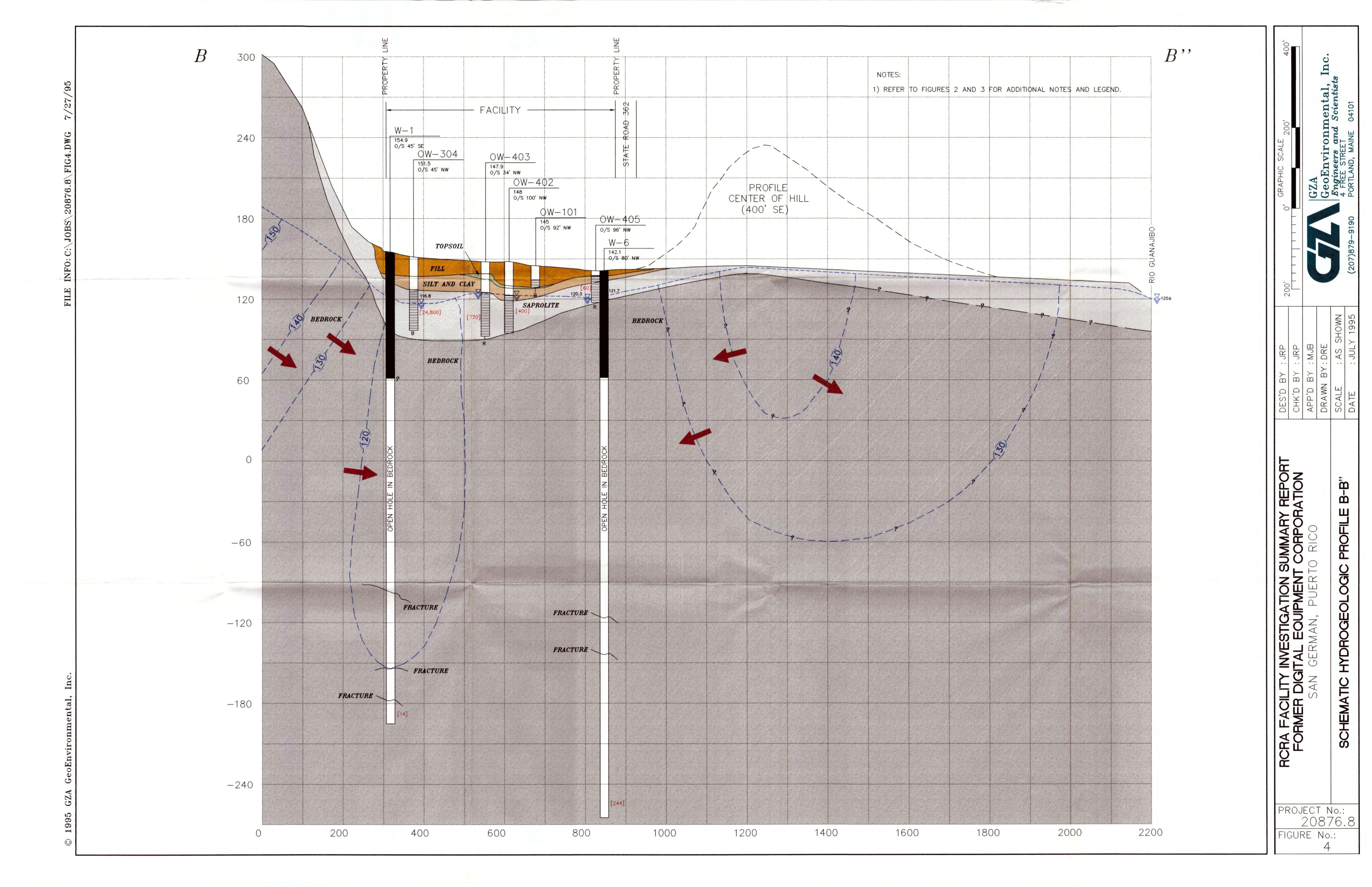
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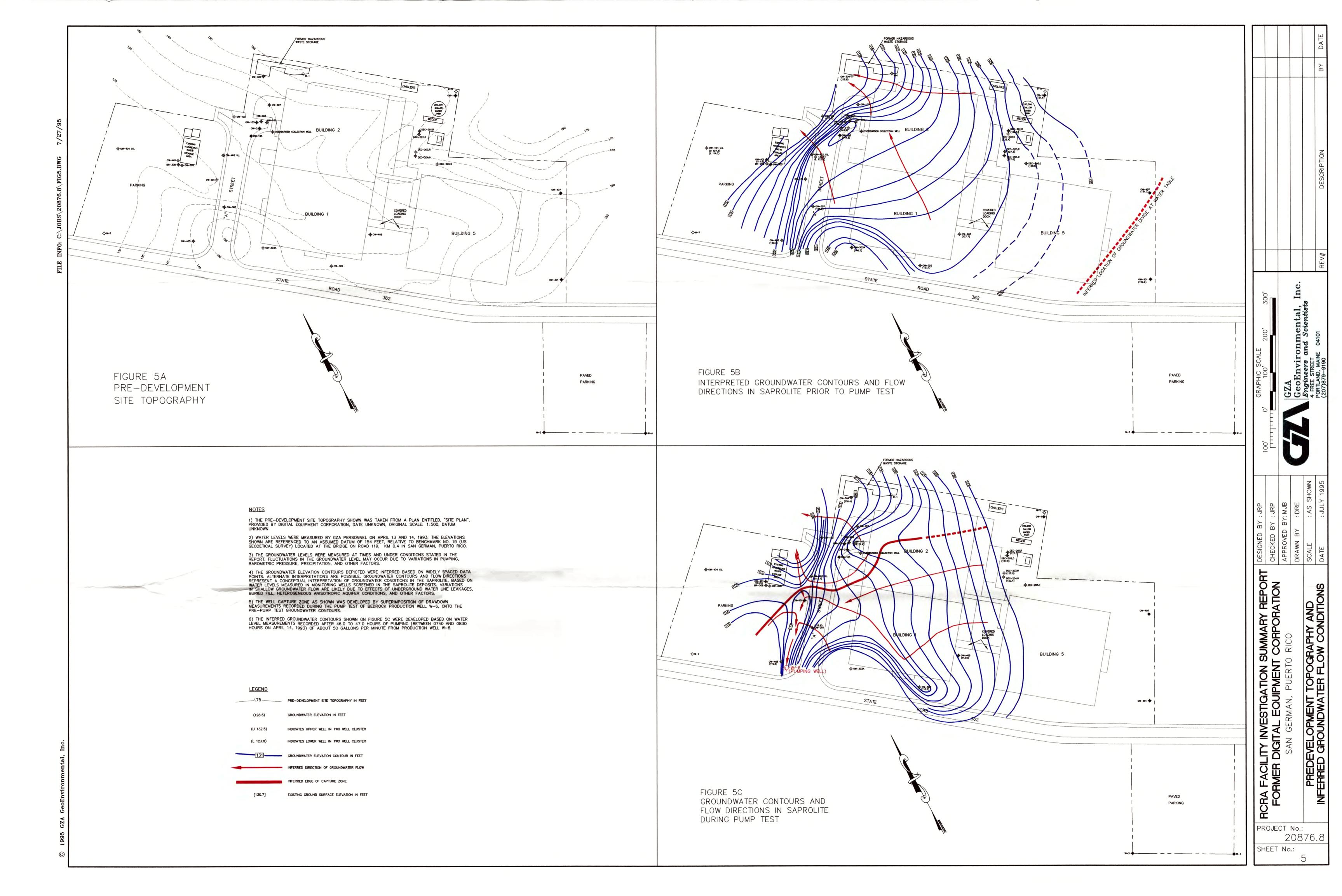
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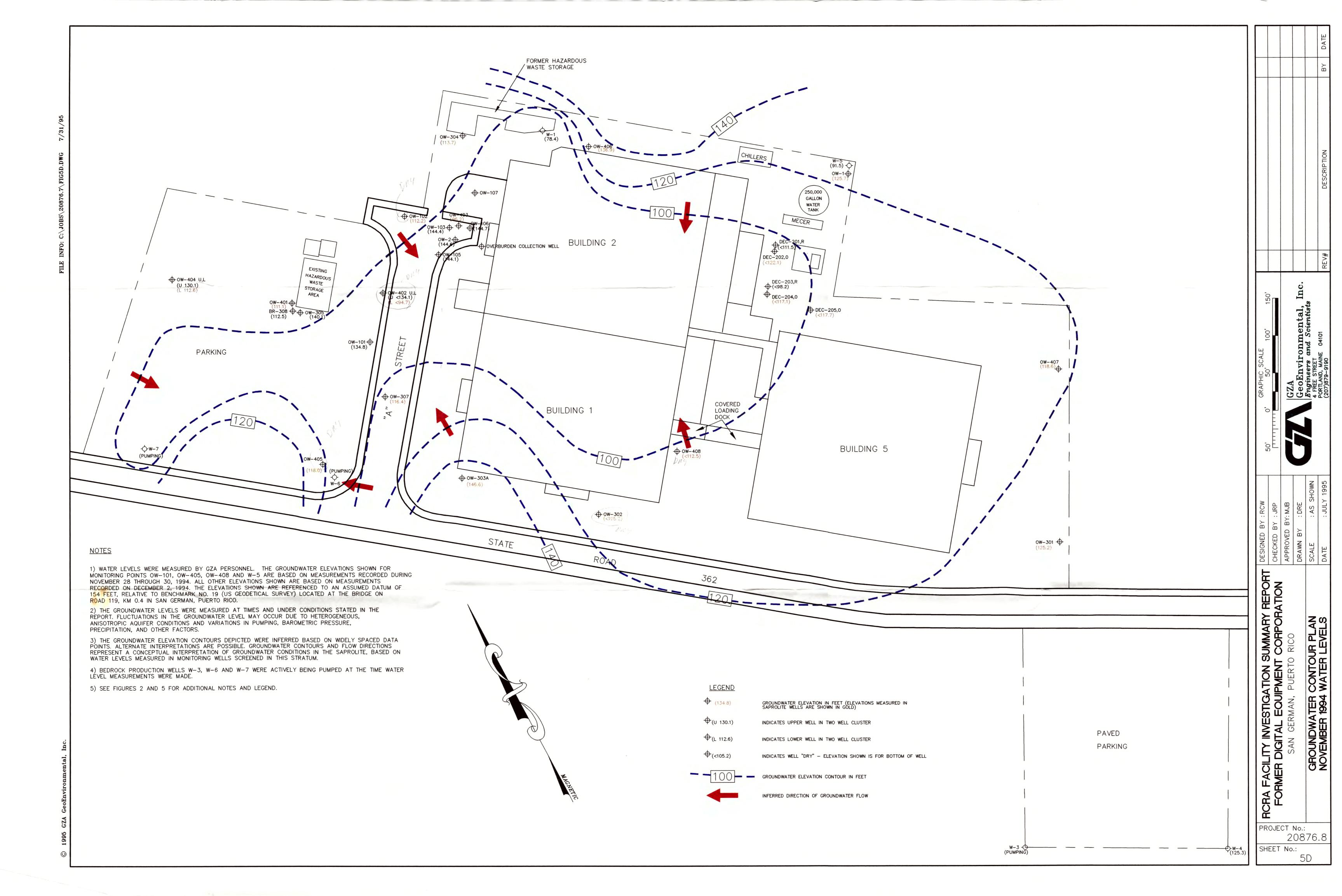


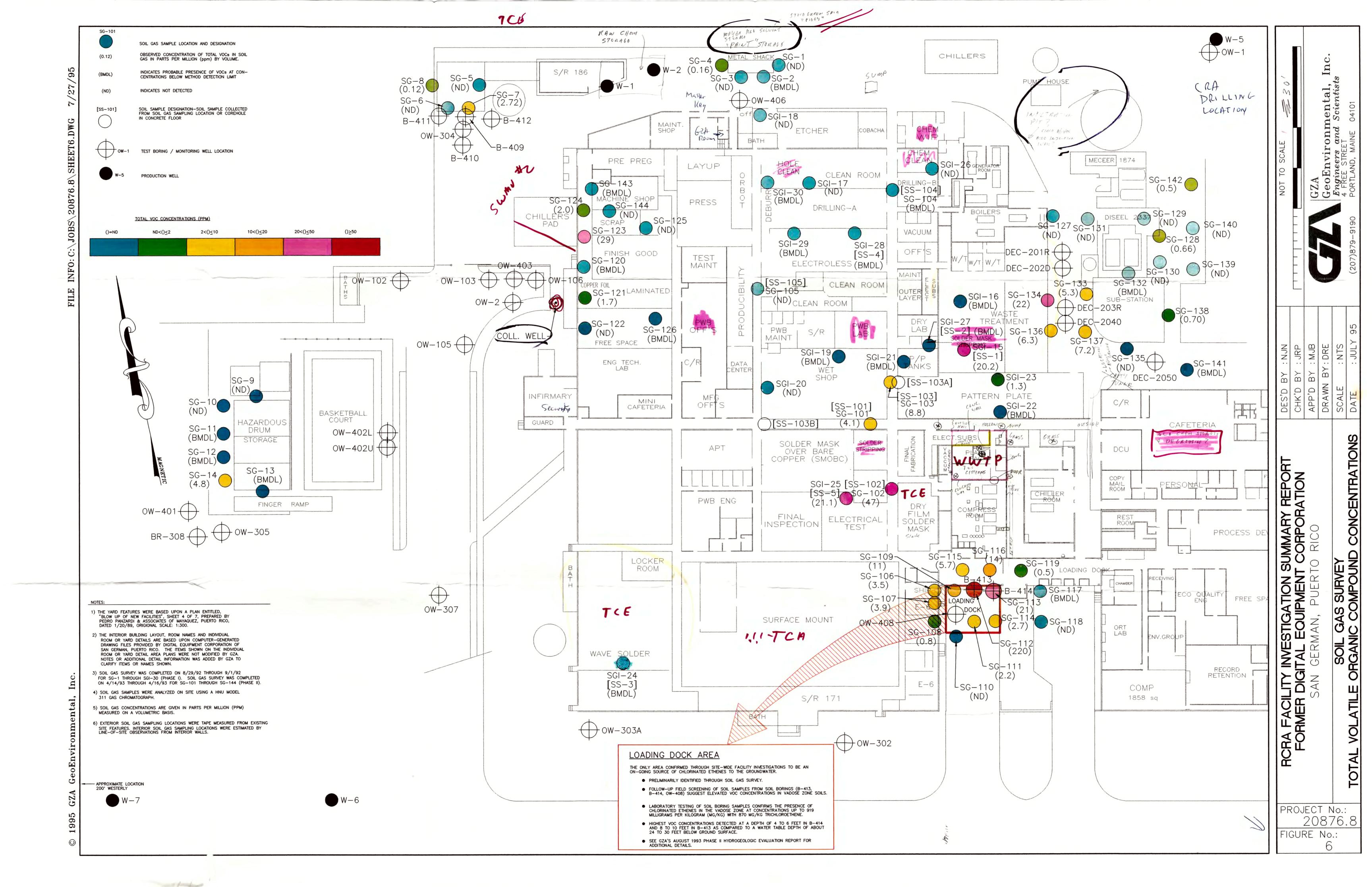


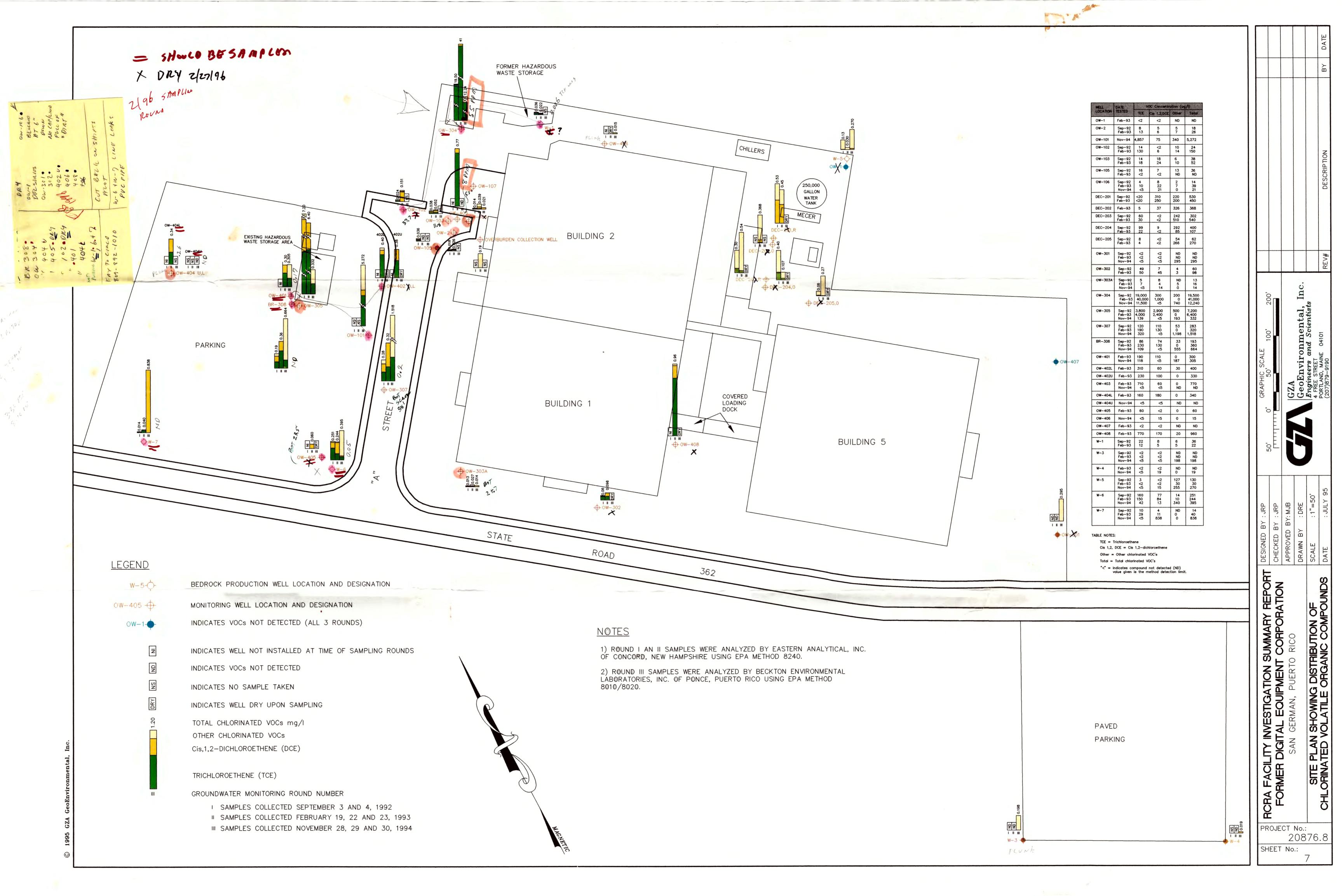








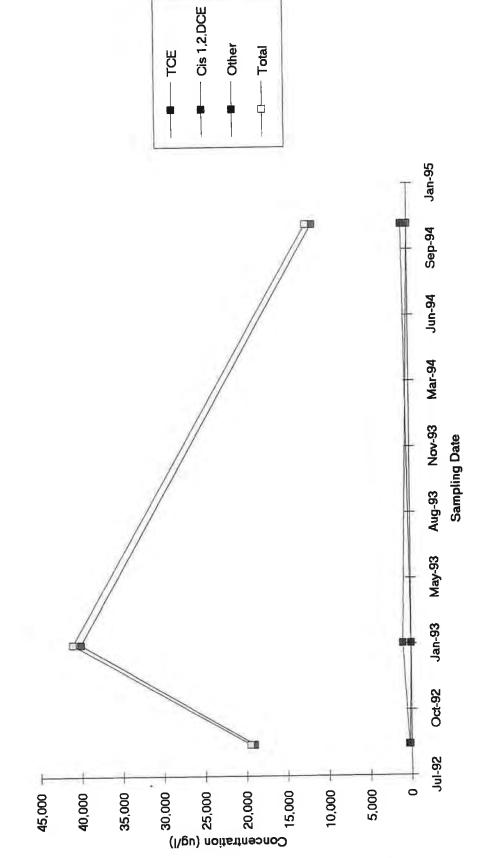




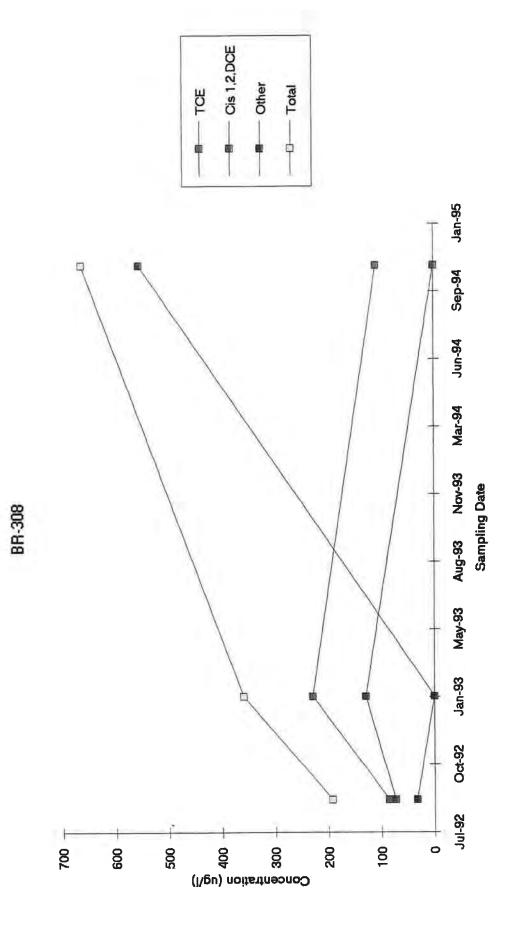
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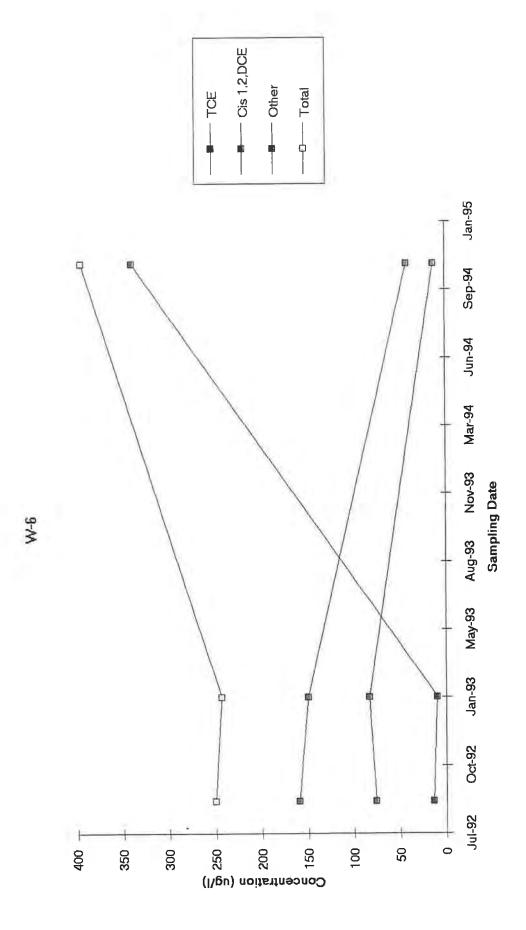
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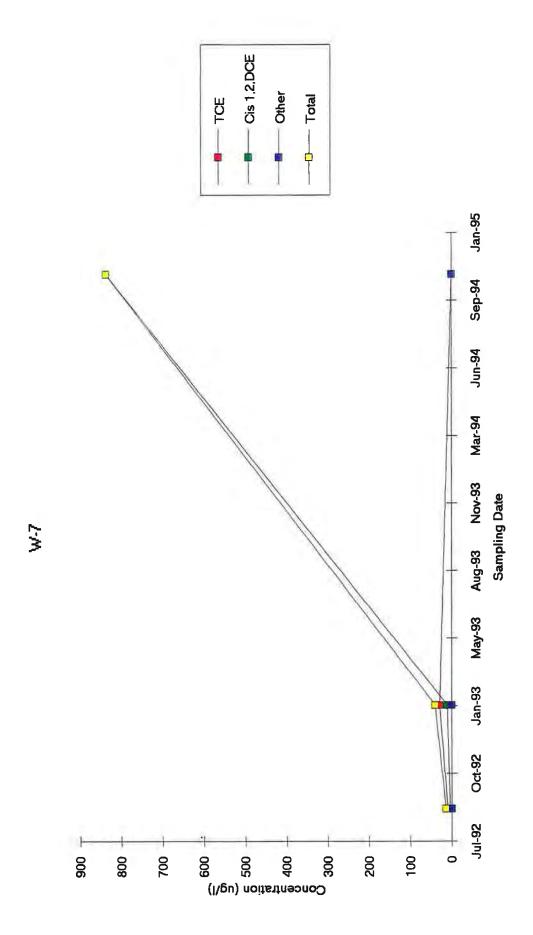
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APPENDIX B

LIMITATIONS

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- 1. The conclusions and recommendations submitted in this report are based in part upon the data obtained from a limited number of soil samples from widely spaced subsurface explorations. The nature and extent of variations between these explorations may not become evident until further investigation. If variations or other latent conditions then appear evident, it will be necessary to reevaluate the recommendations of this Report.
- 2. The generalized soil profile described in the text is intended to convey trends in subsurface conditions. The boundaries between strata are approximate and idealized and have been developed by interpretations of widely spaced explorations and samples; actual soil transitions are probably more gradual. For specific information, refer to the boring logs.
- 3. Water level readings have been made in the test pits, borings and/or observation wells at times and under conditions stated on the exploration logs. These data have been reviewed and interpretations have been made in the text of this Report. However, it must be noted that fluctuations in the level of the groundwater may occur due to variations in rainfall and other factors different from those prevailing at the time measurements were made.
- 4. Except as noted within the text of the Report, no quantitative laboratory testing was performed as part of the site assessment. Where such analyses have been conducted by an outside laboratory, GZA has relied upon the data provided, and has not conducted an independent evaluation of the reliability of these data.
- The conclusions and recommendations contained in this Report are based in part upon various types of chemical data and are contingent upon their validity. These data have been reviewed and interpretations made in the Report. As indicated within the Report, some of these data are preliminary "screening" level data, and should be confirmed with quantitative analyses if more specific information is necessary. Moreover, it should be noted that variations in the types and concentrations of contaminants and variations in their flow paths may occur due to seasonal water table fluctuations, past disposal practices, the passage of time, and other factors. Should additional chemical data become available in the future, these data should be reviewed by GZA, and the conclusions and recommendations presented herein modified accordingly.
- 6. Chemical analyses have been performed for specific parameters during the course of this study, as detailed in the text. It must be noted that additional constituents not searched for during the current study may be present in soil and groundwater at the site.

- 7. It is recommended that this firm be retained to provide further engineering services during design, implementation, and/or construction of any remedial measures, if necessary. This is to observe compliance with the concepts and recommendations contained herein and to allow design changes in the event that subsurface conditions differ from those anticipated.
- 8. In preparing this Report, GZA has relied on certain information provided by regulatory officials and other parties referenced therein, and on information contained in the files of state and/or local agencies available to GZA at the time of the work. Although there may have been some degree of overlap in the information provided by these various sources, GZA did not attempt to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of all information reviewed or received during the course of this site evaluation.
- 9. The observations described in this Report were made under the conditions stated herein. The conclusions presented in the Report were based solely upon the services described, and not on scientific tasks or procedures beyond the scope of described services or the time and budgetary constraints imposed by the Client.
- 10. In preparing this Report, GZA has relied on certain information provided by federal, state or local officials and other parties referenced herein, and on information contained in the files of federal, state, and/or local agencies available to GZA at the time of our compliance review. Although there may have been some degree of overlap in the information provided by these various sources, GZA did not attempt to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of all information reviewed or received during the course of the study.
- 11. Regulatory issues noted in this report have been evaluated based on our interpretation of regulations and interpretations provided by regulatory agency and Circo Caribe personnel. In some cases, these interpretations require subjective judgment, and we cannot guarantee that all regulatory agency personnel will interpret the regulations in the same manner as we have, or in the manner that the agency personnel we spoke to have. Governmental agencies' interpretations, requirements, and enforcement policies vary from district office to district office, from state to state, and between federal and state agencies. In addition, statutes, rules, standards, and regulations may be legislatively changed and inter-agency and intra-agency policies may be changed from present practices from time to time.